

## PROCLAMATION **WOLF AWARENESS WEEK**OCTOBER 17-23, 2004

WHEREAS, educating the public about species conservation is an integral component of sustaining a healthy and balanced ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS,** the wolf is a symbol of wilderness and an important part of natural ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, a growing environmental awareness of the benefits of maintaining biological diversity has raised public interest in the wolf; and

**WHEREAS,** the survival of the wolf in the United States remains uncertain and depends upon continued public support and increased understanding of the essential role wolves play in nature; and

WHEREAS, education is crucial to promoting the awareness and understanding of wolves; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 17-23, 2004, **WOLF AWARENESS WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State